



**SIRS - LAKE OF THE PINES, BRANCH 170  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
May 1, 2013**

**Big Sir Paul Lambert called the monthly BEC meeting to order at 10:30 AM. There was a quorum present.**

**Attendees were: Paul Lambert, Glenn Delisle, Bob Chan, Lyndon Laird, Doug Wilson, Don Miller, Steve Parks, Roger Pope, Larry Shelley, Verne Bagby, Chuck Mercer, Phil Frank, and Ed O'Reilly.**

## **Reports**

**After his brief opening remarks, Big Sir Paul Lambert introduced our guest, Area Governor Donald Dill. Mr. Dill spoke to us on Sir State, Regional, and Area issues. There is a need for candidates for the upcoming election. He encouraged us to volunteer in a leadership role. Due to current economic conditions, there is a decrease in membership amongst the branches resulting in reduction in revenues. As a result, a decision was made to re-assess each member \$1.25 (from \$1.00) per quarter effective immediately. Reorganization plans may result in major cuts in the area of travel and insurance. Mr. Dill emphasized the need to drive membership. He is concerned when membership drops below 100, the probability is greater that it will drop further. He cited Branch 55 in Grass Valley as an example (Branch 55 disbanded last month). However, it was pointed out that Sir is not alone, since other organizations statewide are experiencing decrease in membership as well. Other cost savings measures to be implemented (or has been implemented) include reducing gas reimbursement to 35 cents per gallon from 50 cents per gallon; controlling the number of meetings on the state and regional level. Mr. Dill also commented in his experience young members drive new membership. So, he encouraged us to recruit young people. Lastly, he is here today to present past Big Sir Roger Pope an award for his strong leadership and dedication to Branch 170 Sir. (Congratulations, Roger).**

**Minutes of the April BEC meeting: Secretary Bob Chan made minor corrections and additions to the April 3 minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed.**

**Treasurer Report: Dave Rosseau was absent. Doug Wilson gave the report. Income for the month of April was \$1030. Expenses were up, totaling \$1196 resulting in a net loss of**

**\$166.** This loss was due to the purchase of 12 ball caps and 4 free lunches. Mr. Wilson noted that State Sir requests each branch keep a reserve of \$15.00 per person, which totals to \$1575. This leaves us with a balance of only \$203. It was pointed out by members of the Board that due to the renovation of the clubhouse we did not have our major fundraiser, the annual Christmas Dinner Dance, so there was no extra revenue. Our financial statements will improve when the clubhouse is completed this June. Further discussion followed. A suggestion was made to discontinue the monthly free lunches (\$64/ month). There are still members (25%) who have not paid their annual contributions yet. It was suggested we track these people down. Don Miller requested that our Sir merchandise (shirts, jackets, ball caps, etc. again be made available for show and sale at our monthly luncheon meetings and functions. This was done when Doug Wilson had that responsibility. The Board was agreeable to this request.

**Little Sir, Luncheon Speakers:** Glenn Delisle announced we have two speakers today. Mr. Mike Distefano of Network Real Estate will speak on recent residential real estate sales in Nevada County, including Lake of the Pines. Mr. Todd Warner of Vitek Mortgage will give his presentation on purchasing a home with a reverse mortgage.

**Membership:** Phil Jones was absent. Paul Lambert reported that we have 3 new members from last month giving us a total of 105 members. Peter Canyon has expressed interest in joining our branch. This will increase our membership to 106. There is no guest attending today's luncheon.

## **Committee Reports**

**Bulletin:** Rich Hibbs was absent. No report.

**LOP News:** Phil Frank reported he would accept any incoming information, however the deadline is in a couple of days.

**CH7/Pines Times:** John O'Halloran was absent. No report.

**Info Tech/ Website:** Gary Resnick was absent. No report.

**Food:** Roger Pope reported that luncheon cost at the Sports Lounge would continue to be \$16. In regards to off site location, Mr. Pope repeated what was said at our last meeting regarding the Lion's club off of Magnolia Avenue. \$250 for use of the facility and one-day charge for liquor license. We need to find our own caterer, set up and clean up afterwards. Other caterers mentioned by Mr. Pope include Subway (box lunch), Pizza (\$12), Goomba (\$14), and Smiley Smoke House BBQ (\$13.50). Mr. Pope discourages using the Auburn Elks Club due to gas cost and distance. The question of using an off site for luncheon is retention of our current members. Is it feasible to keep our numbers around 59? Mr. Pope counted 30 golf carts today outside the sports lounge. Convenience in location needs to be a consideration for our elderly members. Mr. Pope recommended that we wait until after the renovation of the clubhouse is finished in June and we have a luncheon there again. Then, we can ask for our member's input and vote to see what they want to do. The BEC agree that this was a good idea.

**Golf:** Rod Corvington was absent. Chuck Mercer gave the report. He reported that only 5 members participated in April Lake Wildwood tournament. This was quite disappointing. The next tournament will be at Alta Sierra CC at 8:30 AM, May 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be a shotgun. Cut off date for reservation and payment is May 7<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$45. In June, our branch will play host and sponsor at LOP. Since we need to supply the golf carts from individual owners to keep fees down, it is important that more members participate. If you are a member of the LOP men's golf club, your fee is only \$5 for prizes. Please support this tournament in June.

**Bocce Ball:** Bob Chan reported that we had a good response for sign up. He has scheduled practice sessions prior to the start of league play. Our first match is May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:15PM.

**Travel:** Hal Wallace was absent. No report.

**Health:** Ed O'Reilly commented he has not received any phone calls or mail regarding members' health or ailments during his tenure as chair.

**Clothing:** Glenn Delisle had nothing to report.

## **Old Business**

**LOP Food & Beverage Lunch Costs, Options and Action:** See Roger Pope's report above under Committee Report.

**Branch 170 Record Keeping Compliance:** Bob Chan had nothing new to report. He has not received requested information from the Travel Chair.

**Nominating Committee:** Larry Shelley announced that one of our newest members has accepted the nomination for Little Sir. His name is Don Albee. The committee is still looking for a member to accept the position of Big Sir.

**Sirs SF Giant Branch Coordinator for August 8<sup>th</sup> game:** No one has accepted this position.

**Fun Day Co-chair for September 21<sup>st</sup> Event:** Al Cash has graciously accepted this position to assist Glenn Delisle.

## **New Business**

**LOP Welcome Committee Presentation April 6<sup>th</sup>:** Big Sir Paul Lambert reported a good showing at this presentation. Nearly 80 people were in attendance. Mr. Lambert met some potential future members at this event.

**Sir Regional Meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Big Sir Paul Lambert attended this meeting in Lincoln.

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report:** Big Sir Paul Lambert submitted his report to the Area Governor and Regional Director on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The report was due on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Branch 170 Gas Reimbursement Policy:** As mentioned above, the reimbursement has been change to 35 cent/mile from 50 cents following state guidelines.

**Bill Martin:** Long-time and loyal member of Sir Branch 170 and former treasurer is moving to Auburn. He will be recognized at today's luncheon. He will be missed.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned shortly after 11: 30 AM. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 10:45 AM at the Sports Lounge.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Bob Chan**